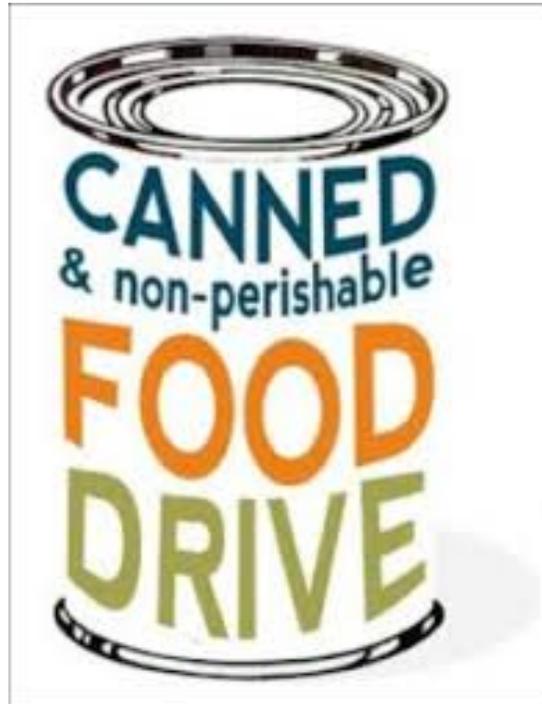


November 5, 2020

# SAINT BERNADETTE SCHOOL

**Small school. Big heart.**



**Bring in canned goods, pantry staples or \$1 tomorrow to wear spiritwear tops and comfortable pants (no leggings or tear-aways) or modest shorts. Proceeds benefit St. Vincent DePaul.**

**School  
Website**

**Parish  
Website**

*Dear Parents and Guardians,*

*Our online Book Fair ends this Sunday. Please see the article below for details, and consider participating!*



## **New COVID-19 Cases This Week**

We currently have two new positive cases of COVID-19. In both cases, the student contracted the illness from a family member, but in one of those cases, the student attended a practice over the weekend before experiencing symptoms, which led to us sending six students home to quarantine yesterday. In the second case, the parents kept the student home until the parent's test came back. The student also became ill, but had been home during the incubation period and did not expose the virus to classmates. This decision really helped the whole class!

As we drift into winter and are indoors more, pay close attention to the health of

those around you, please. Given the enormous increase in positive cases and hospitalizations, it is best to err on the side that a symptom is related to COVID, and to get tested. If you are tested, also isolate yourself from the rest of your family as best you can, and quarantine at home until the test results come back. Remember: If you test too early, you might test "negative" and actually be sick. There has to be enough of the virus replicated in your system to trigger a positive result. Testing too early, which could yield a false negative, may seem smart, and the result may be comforting, but it's not at all a guarantee that you're COVID-free.

Please be conservative in judging whether or not to keep a student home when there's illness in your household. We would rather have one student need assistance catching up than send a whole group of classmates home to quarantine several days later.

### **PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES**

Conferences will look very different this year, and are likely to be Zoom events. Our goal for conferences this fall is to share your student's thoughts about where the student has struggled, where the student has succeeded, and what learning goals the student wants to set for the second trimester. Consistent with our focus on Growth Mindsets and setting goals for growth, pulling your child's thoughts about the trimester into the meeting sets the stage for better student engagement. Thanks to tools like Gradelink, parents are typically very aware of individual grades, but knowing your child's goals for growth gives you an opportunity to support the child in a new way. Whether or not your student is fully present in the conference may vary according to grade level, and if you have concerns you need to share privately with a teacher, please make that known and arrangements will be made.

Conferences will take place throughout the rest of this month beginning as early as November 9, depending on teacher schedules and preferences. We will be pushing out the opportunities for signing up mid week.

### **CALENDAR CHANGE**

We will not be in session on Friday, November 20. Teachers are in desperate need of additional planning and grading time, and we have received permission to adjust our calendar. When we developed the calendar for the school year, extra hours were added to allow for COVID-19 adjustments. Given the increased demands on their time during the school day, the rising cases of COVID and the fluctuating attendance this is creating, our teachers need the space this independent work day will provide. Thank you for supporting our teachers by making the necessary arrangements to keep your child home that day.

*Blessings on your evening,*

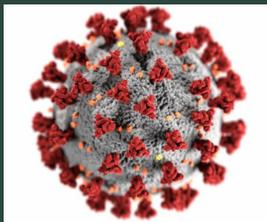
*Mrs. Ingram*



**NEXT THURSDAY, 11/12, on ZOOM**

Join us from the comfort of your home at 7 p.m. The Zoom invite will be emailed to parents the day before the meeting.

Data Used to Support In-Person Learning						
1 <sup>st</sup> Metric: Clermont County data		2 <sup>nd</sup> Metric: Clermont County data		3 <sup>rd</sup> Metric: School data		
7 Day trend of Daily New Cases	Goal: <10	Percent of COVID tests that are positive	Goal: <5% (CDC) <3% (Harvard)	Cumulative St. B COVID-19 cases	Isolated (sick)	Quarantined (well) Current
8/31/2020	9	8/31/2020	4%	0	0	1 (post travel)
↓ 9/8/2020	8	↓ 9/8/2020	3.9%	0	0	2 (post travel)
9/13/2020	8	9/13/2020	3.9%	0	0	1 (post travel)
↑ 9/20/2020	9	9/20/2020	3.9%	0	0	0
↓ 9/28/2020	7	↑ 9/28/2020	4%	0	0	0
↓ 10/04/2020	6	10/04/2020	4%	0	0	2 (close contact)
↑ 10/11/2020	13	10/11/2020	4%	0	0	11 CC
↑ 10/19/2020	18	10/19/2020	4%	1	1	13 CC
↑ 10/26/2020	22	↑ 10/26/2020	4.9%	3	3	25 CC
↑ 11/5/2020	27	↑ 11/5/2020	5.8%	5	2	8 CC



## TAKE ACTION AGAINST A WINTER SURGE

*It is time to recommit to all of the protective habits we've been developing as a community AND layer on some additional practices to counteract a fall/winter surge. Taking extra precautions makes it possible for us to stay in school.*

- **Limit your circle of contacts.** Reduce the number of people you are in regular contact with as we go indoors. Keep your "quaran-team" smaller and more exclusive. This will reduce the number of close contacts who might be affected if you become ill, and will reduce your exposure as well.
- **Pare down all indoor family/social gatherings** ...Football gatherings and Thanksgiving come to mind. "Family" isn't always the same group as "household." Because your children have several contacts in school, visiting with relatives in a different household may be dangerous for everyone. The people who track viruses for a living recommend we keep Thanksgiving small and private to our own homes this year.
- **Wash your mask, and your student's mask every night.** Would you take a band-aid off a skinned knee and move it to the finger with a paper cut? Of course not! Using the same mask without washing it daily is similarly gross and full of germs. Please get in a routine of regularly washing masks. **How to wash masks.**
- **Please don't travel** any more this fall and winter unless it is absolutely necessary. If you must travel, check the **Travel Advisory link**. If the infection rate at your destination is 15% or higher, you and your student will need to quarantine for 14 days when you get home.
- **Get a flu shot...kids, too.** If you've ever been on the fence about this, make this the year you commit to getting one. The best arguments for a flu shot this year are that having one helps your PCP diagnose you more quickly if you get sick, and reducing influenza in the community is another way to keep hospital beds available for other needs.



## BOOK FAIR

Our Book Fair is online! Support our school and help your child discover new books, favorite characters, complete series, and more! You'll love the fun new option to shop for Book Fair exclusives directly from the interactive booklist and enjoy free shipping on book-only purchases over \$25. **Click here** to view the flyer.

**The Book Fair ends Sunday, November 8.**

**There is still time to place an order!**

**It's a new school year... let's instill a new-found love of reading!**

ST BERNADETTE SCHOOL Book Fair  
1453 LOCUST LAKE RD. AMHILL, OH 45102  
Oct. 26 - Nov. 8

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**TWO WAYS TO SHOP ONLINE!**

Oct. 26 - Nov. 8

EARN SCHOOL REWARDS ALL YEAR, PLUS FREE SHIPPING ON BOOK ORDERS OF \$25+

THE SCHOLASTIC STORE

6000+ PRODUCTS

Support our school by shopping The Scholastic Store Online for an expanded selection of exclusives, new releases, value packs, and more. All orders ship home and book-only orders over \$25 ship free. Every purchase [benefits our school](#) and helps develop a love of reading.

NEW VIRTUAL FAIR!

360°

- Experience the joy of book covers, characters, and much more
- View exclusive book trailers and curated reading lists
- Shop over 200 hot, new books and premium titles

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## BACK THE BINOEDERS

*Help us support this family as they face a devastating illness.*

- **Meal Train for The Binoeder Family**. *The unique link associated with this Meal Train is: <https://mealtrain.com/6wo1wk> Click on the link to sign up to bring the family a meal.*
- **A Benefit for the Binoeder Family** *is in the works. More information will follow, but for now the coordinators of the Benefit are currently looking for donations & things to raffle off. Items such as Gift Cards, Theme Baskets, Vendor Items from Sales Consultants, Craft items, etc. If you are interested in donating an item or have questions please contact Casey Cornett email: [caseyannc3@gmail.com](mailto:caseyannc3@gmail.com)*
- **Prayers** *for Marcus, Heather, Ben and Jenna are continuously needed. Visit the Grotto in prayer, or go online and offer a **Rosary**, start a **novena to St. Peregrine**, speak from your heart, or simply offer to God any sacrifices you make during the day to the Binoeder's intentions and needs.*

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

### LOOKING AHEAD...

- **Thurs, Nov 5** - LaRosa Pizza Challenge Night - [Click Here](#) to print
- **Thurs, Nov 12** - PTO Meeting on Zoom
- **Fri, Nov 20** - End of 1st Trimester
- **Nov 25-27** - Thanksgiving Break

### ON THE HORIZON

- **Fri, Dec 11** - Remote Learning Day
- **Dec 23 - Jan 4** - Christmas Break
- **Tues, Jan 5** - Classes resume



## HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

It's time for our 6th, 7th and 8th grade students to start thinking about High School. Below is a list of High School links for Open Houses, Virtual Tours and other information about the schools.

- ~~McNicholas - October 25 & 26~~
- ~~St. Ursula - October 25~~
- ~~Ursuline Academy - Oct 31, Nov 1~~
- ~~Moeller - November 1~~
- ~~Mt. Notre Dame - November 1 & 2~~
- ~~Xavier - November 12 & 15~~
- ~~Purcell Marian - November 8~~
- **Mercy McAuley - November 8** Mercy McAuley's Admissions Application Deadline is November 21. November 21 is an important deadline for all 8<sup>th</sup> grade families applying for admission to Mercy McAuley. November 21 is the deadline to submit the required Admissions Application. A completed Admissions Application is required in order to be considered for admission to Mercy McAuley. November 21 is also the deadline to submit the FACTS Financial Aid Application, the Catherine McAuley Scholarship Application, and the Spirit Scholarship Application. Details and links to all of these applications can be found at [www.mercymcauley.org/classof2025](http://www.mercymcauley.org/classof2025). Any questions may be directed to Alli Miazga, Admissions & Recruitment Coordinator, at 681-1800 x2272 or [miazgaa@mercymcauley.org](mailto:miazgaa@mercymcauley.org).



### CAN YOU HELP AT LUNCH or RECESS?

We have a great need, and anything you can offer will be appreciated.

We need volunteers to assist us with lunch distribution. This is an easy volunteer task! Any day you have to offer helps us and we only need you from 11:00-12:30. Working from home? Maybe you could squeeze us in? Sign up for **LUNCH HELP**.

Teachers are eating lunch everyday with their students and supervising on the playground, too, thanks to the pandemic. We could really use some help on the playground so that teachers can get a bit of break at lunch time. Please click **HERE** to sign up for playground help. Virtus required.





**Ages 5-12 • Sign up now!**

**SATURDAY, NOV. 21 • 1:30 PM**

### **Mad Science via Zoom**

1:30 p.m., Saturday, November 21

During this highly-interactive Fire and Ice event with Mad Science, we bring the heat and really "cool" (get it?) experiments. We'll explore the concepts of matter and pressure.

Science lovers watch as our friend Eggbert gets "pushed around" by air pressure with the help of a lighter. Pingpong balls defy gravity with columns of air.

We close with a series of dry ice experiments that include shivering quarters, giant burps, bubbling potions, and more. But don't leave, because after you will get the chance to ask a real Mad Scientist your science questions!

Registrants ages 5-14 will need to sign up with a valid email address to receive the Zoom link to participate in the event. [\*\*CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP\*\*](#)



### **TECH TIPS**

*Tech Tips are shared on a monthly basis through this newsletter and are posted on a bulletin board at school. These are tips that help students, parents, or teachers. If you have one to share, please email Mrs. Roesel at [croesel@stbernadetteamelia.org](mailto:croesel@stbernadetteamelia.org).*

### **EXTRA MATH HELP**

For extra Math help, Google a math topic, followed by "worksheet with answers." For example, to get help with fractions, type, "fractions worksheet with answers" in the search bar, and you will see lots of examples of how to work through problems with fractions.

### **WHAT IS GOOGLE MEET?**

Google Meet is an online meeting tool. For each Classroom on Google Classrooms, there is a Google Meet link that is created when the Classroom is created. Teachers may use that any time for a quick meet up with remote students. You can find this link under the Classroom name on the home page.

### **GREAT GIFT IDEA FOR CHRISTMAS!**

Mrs. Lana has a few spots available for piano lessons in your home, after school. This would be a great Christmas gift for your aspiring musician, or a way to get "Jingle Bells" wafting through the air this season! Contact Mrs. Lana at

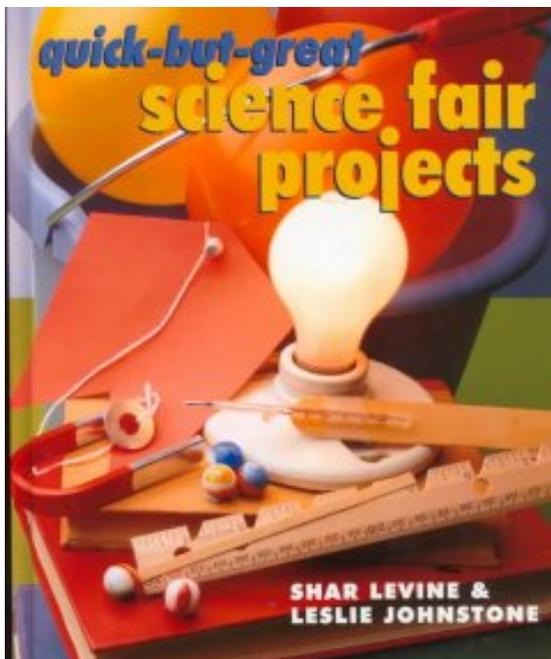


[llana@stbernadetteameli.org](mailto:llana@stbernadetteameli.org) for more details.

## Library Science Fair

Join us for our third annual Library Science Fair, hosted virtually for 2021. Participants in grades K-12 will record a video of their Science Fair project to submit to the judges. Winners will be announced during a video broadcast on Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at 7 PM; prizes will be distributed at the branch of the winner's choice.

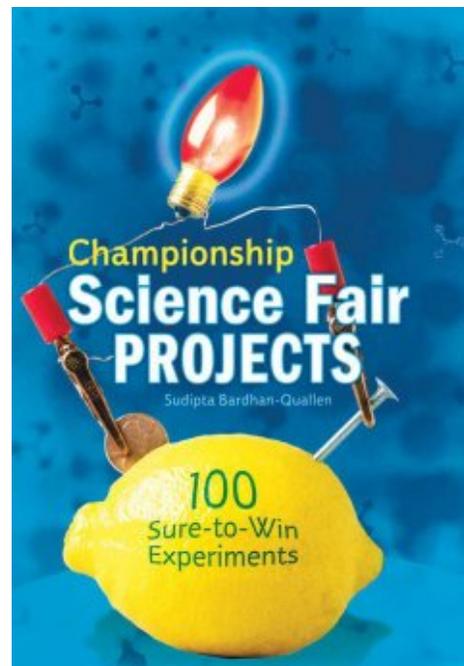
**Sign up by Saturday, December 19 by 5 PM.**



### **Quick-but-great science fair projects**

by Shar Levine

Provides information on the basics of science fair projects and suggestions for a variety of projects using easily obtainable materials. [CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP](#)



### **Championship science fair projects : 100 sure-to-win experiments**

by Sudipta Bardhan-Quallen

Presents step-by-step instructions for one hundred science projects that use everyday supplies. [CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP](#)

## Quick Links

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[COVID-19 Handbook](#)

[Recess Volunteer sign-up genius](#)

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Remind Sign-up

Year I, Year of Faith)

Kroger Rewards

[Box Tops Bonus App](#)

[1n5 Foundation](#) (great mental health information)

[Mind-Peace](#) (for mental health providers, click on [Search for Providers](#))

